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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA: SECSTATE HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING APPROVAL  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN COUNTER-TERRORISM TRAINING, 7 FEB 2007  
THROUGH 6 JUNE 2008

¶1. (SBU) Post requests the Department's assistance in screening the following Ethiopian candidate that has been nominated for USG-sponsored training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Post has no derogatory information.

¶2. (SBU) The training is an International Counterterrorism Fellowship Program and responds to terrorism and will be conducted at the National Defense University at Fort Lesley ¶J. McNair in Washington DC. This Ethiopian Colonel was nominated to attend this important phase of training and this is an urgent request. If post delays, Ethiopia will be cut off from future nominations of this type.

¶3. (SBU) The name, occupation, date of birth, and place of birth of the proposed candidate is as follows:

Name: Colonel Bewntu Ayalew FIKREMARIAM  
Occupation: Col, ET Army  
Date of Birth: April 23, 1961  
Place of Birth: Woldiea, Wollo providence, Ethiopia

¶4. (SBU) Post appreciates the Department's assistance with this urgent request.

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